(h) Effective from 10-11-1989, the prices of Dexamethasone Pure and Dexamethasone 21-Phosphate have been revised to Rs. 92.00 and Rs. 97.00 per gm. respectively. However, prices of formulations based on these revised prices are yet to be notified. The details of existing ceiling prices of farmulations based on Dexathasone have already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1629 answered on 26-3-1990.

**Prices of Flucort range formulations**

1287. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2100 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the amount calculated on *suo moto* basis and upto what period on the Flucort range formulations;

(b) whether his Ministry have recovered any amount;

(c) if so, the total amount recovred upto 10th May, 1990;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry fixed the prices of these formulations in 1984;

(e) if so, what were the prices fixed for each formulation;

(f) whether it is also a fact that these prices have not been implemented till today;

(g) what price was being charged for each on 30th April, 1990 and what penal action has been taken against the company for contravention of Drugs Price Control Order;

(h) whether it is a fact that formulations based on the same bulk drug are marketed by certain other organised sector units without price approval; and

(i) if so, what are the names of these companies and what action has been taken against each?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Amounts recoverable from the manufacturers of Flucort range of formulations have not yet been finalised either on a *suo moto* basis or otherwise.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The details of prices fixed for each formulation on 20th June, 1984 are given in the statement. (*See* below).

(f) *Prima facie* the prices as fixed by the Government were not complied with by the Company under the plea that Flucort range of formulations are not price controlled.

(g) After the inclusion of Fluncinolone Acetonide in the Drugs (Priecs Control) Order, 1987, the prices of formulations based thereon were fixed on 9th March, 1990. Details of prices being charged by the company as on 30th April, 1990 are being ascertained. The Company was issued shown cause notices on 18th April, 1990 for th alleged violation of the prices fixed on 20th June, 1984. Necessary action would be taken against the company, if they have not complied with the prices fixed in March, 1990.

(h) and (i) Besides M/s. Lyka, M/s Wockhardt and M/s. CIPLA in the organised sector are the known producers of formulation containing Flucinolone Acetonide. The prices of formulation produced by these two companies were also fixed on the 9th March, 1990.

**Statement**

| S. No. | Name of the Formulation | Pack Size | Maximum retail price including excise duty fixed on 29th June, 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Flucort Ointment | 15 gm tube | 3.91 |
| 2 | Flucort N Skin Ointment | 5 gm tube | 1.85 |
| 3 | Do. | 15 gm tube | 3.77 |
| 4 | Flucort H Ointment | 5 gm tube | 2.91 |
| 5 | Do. | 15 gm tube | 6.97 |
| 6 | Flucort Skin Lotion 0.01 % | 15 ml botle | 2.60 |
| 7 | Flucort Skin Lotion 0.025% | 15 ml bottle | 3.26 |

**Reduction in the prices of bulk drugs**

1288. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 148 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have brought certain bulk drugs under price control;

(b) if so, what are the prices fixed for each bulk drug and finished medicines based on each drug;

(c) what is the name of bulk drug on which each medicine is based for which prices were reduced due to Government intervention;

(d) what is the price of each bulk drug intimated by the formulator to his Ministry;

(e) whether his Ministry have received any representation against wrong exclusion of these drugs from price control; and

(f) if so, what are the names of drugs and number of representations received upto 10th May, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The prices of formulations based on 21 bulk drugs brougnt under price control in Feburary, 1990 were fixed on *suo-moto* basis taking into accoun the average import price of the bulk drugs. The other details, such as names of formulations, prices fixed by the Government etc. have already been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 713 answered on 19-3-90.

(e) and (f) There are about 165 bulk drugs, names of which have already been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Questions No. 91 answered on 7-5-1990, on which representations for wrong exclusion from price control under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1987 have been received.

**Opinion on DPEA**

1289. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry sought opinion on various points concerning Drug Prices Equalisation Account from Law Ministry;